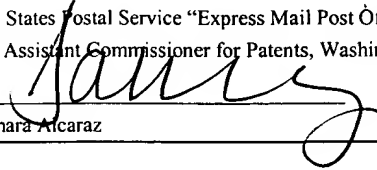


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2002 (Paper No. 15) for which a response is due on October 17, 2002. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 17, 2002, which falls on a Sunday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks submitted herein.